

Appl. No. 09/991,308

Supplemental Response dated September 6, 2006

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Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

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In response to the final Office Action mailed on April 19, 2006, applicant submitted a request for continued examination (RCE) and amendment on August 7, 2006.

On September 6, 2006, the undersigned received a phone call from Examiner Popovci. Examiner Popovci stated that his copy of applicant's amendment filed on August 7, 2006 was partially unreadable. Accordingly, enclosed with this supplemental response is a copy of the amendment as filed on August 7, 2006. The enclosed copy as filed on August 7, 2006 is completely readable, so there was apparently some problem in the PTO's facsimile reception or image scanning equipment.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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